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It is very desirable that the Herbarium of the Academy should be in such condition as will make it most accessible and useful to botanists who may visit it during the meeting in this city next year of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and of the British Association; and though it will be impossible to do all that should be done in the brief intervening period, it is hoped that much may be accomplished towards this end, and that good progress may be made in the mounting of at least the North American plants.

JOHN H. REDFIELD,

December 10, 1883.

Conservator.

REPORT OF THE MINERALOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SECTION.

Meetings of the Section have been held regularly during the year, the attendance averaging from eight to ten. The discussions have been more upon geological questions than upon mineralogical, owing to the interest excited by the Geological Survey of the State. The most important event to the Academy in connection with mineralogy has been the accession of the Vaux collection, and its arrangement by Mr. Jacob Binder, whose services in that matter have been of exceeding value.

The officers of the Section are:—

<i>Director,</i>	Theodore D. Rand.
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<i>Recorder and Secretary,</i>	Dr. A. E. Foote.
<i>Conservator,</i>	Prof. H. Carvill Lewis.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	John Ford.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE D. RAND,

Director.